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FIRST NOTICE

This First Notice constitutes **EARLY** notice of events of **POSSIBLE** safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received **WITHOUT** verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Agency Staff at this time.

Date: July 16, 2002

Time: 4:00 PM (MST)

First Notice: 02-08

Arizona Licensee Speedie and Associates
3331 E. Wood St.
Phoenix, AZ 85040

License No. 07-209

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Licensee left the job site, located at 3410 E. Virginia St. Mesa Arizona, at approximately 1000 hours on 15 July 2002. Approximately 10 minutes later, at Val Vista and Brown Roads, the driver noticed that the tailgate of the transport truck was down and the guage was missing. The guage contained 8 millicuries cesium 137 source and a 44 millicuries Americium 241:Beryllium source. The driver noticed the tailgate was down and the guage was missing and retraced his route. The guage could not be found. The Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency was contacted again by the licensee at approximately 5 PM and informed the Agency that the guage had been found by a local citizen on Val Vista road and was in the process of being returned to the licensee. The guage was returned to the licensee at approximately 8 PM, July 15, 2002 and a reward of \$300.00 was paid to the citizen.

The LICENSEE and the Agency continue to investigate this event.

The U.S. NRC and the Arizona Governors office are being notified of this event.

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